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1. The reply filed on 12/21/06 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The 35 USC 101 and 35 USC 112,2nd rejections for claims 20-22,56,58,63-67 have not been addressed in any manner by applicant. 37 CFR 1.111 requires applicant to point out why the rejection is not proper, which has not been done. These rejections are not overcome by the most recent amendment and the advisory action of 10/23/06 did not state that these rejections were overcome.

Also, applicant's arguments do not comply with 37 CFR 1.111(c) because they do not clearly point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited or the objections made. Further, they do not show how the amendments avoid such references or objections. Applicant has added new claims 70-91. There is no discussion of these claims in the most recent response. Applicant is required to point out how the claims are believed to be patentable over the prior art of record. The only claims discussed in the response are 5,11,13-15,18-22,50-58, and 60-69.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dennis Ruhl whose telephone number is 571-272-6808. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on 571-272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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